Workers' Participation in Management of Public Sector Undertakings

502. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) What are the details of the Organisations and Public Sector Undertakings under his Ministry where workers' representatives have been nominated on the Boards of Management; and

(b) what is Government's assessment regarding the improvement in working of the organisations after the participation of workers at managerial level ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) There are no Public Sector Undertakings or Organisations under the administrative control of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers in which workers' representatives have been nominated on the Board.

(b) Does not arise.

Machineries meant for Korba Fertilizers Plant

503. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that machineries of a fertilizer plant, worth hundreds of crores of rupees, are lying idle in Korba, because the Fertilizer unit proposed to be established there by the Fertilizer Corporation of India, has not been set up there so far;

(b) the manner in which Government propose to dispose of these machineries and other construction material;

(c) what was the cost of these machineries as well as the present value thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to revive the construction of the Korba Fertilizer Plant ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) The coal based fertilizer project of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) at Korba was approved by the Government in 1974. However, the Government finally took a decision in February, 1990 to wind up this project in view of the poor performance of other coal based units. Out of the machinery/equipment procured by FCI for this project, equipment/machinery worth about Rs. 12.17 crores still remains unutilised. FCI is keen to utilise some of these for their other plant and to dispose off the remaining.

Manufacturers of Chemicals Pesticides

504. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names and addresses of manufacturers of chemical pesticides in the country indicating quantities and names of pesticides manufactured during 1991-92;

(b) what is the total marketable value of these products during the last three years;

(c) what is the import value of ingredients used in the manufacture thereof;

(d) what is the total export value of other pesticides during the last three years; and

(e) what is the total value of imports of pesticides during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) There are over 400 units engaged in the manufacture of chemical pesticides and formulations in the country. The major chemical pesticides marketed by them include DDT, BHC, Malathion, Endosulphan, Monocrotophos, Methyl Parathion Dimethoate, DDVP Phosalone, Quinalphos, Synthetic Pyrethriods, Carbendazim, Mancozeb, Isoproturon, Buta-

chlor, Aluminium Phosohide and Zinc Phosphide. Details of production by individual units, marketable value of different pesticides and value of imported ingredients used in production of these pesticides are not maintained.

(d) and (e) Details of imports and exports of Insecticides are published in the Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India' brought out by the Directorate General, Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Setting up of Claim Courts for Bhopal Gas Victims

505. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of claim courts proposed to be set up for the Bhopal gas victims;

(b) what is the number of courts that have actually started functioning and what is the number of claims that have been decided by each of these courts; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in setting up the remaining claims court and the period by which these are likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) 40 Courts of Deputy Commissioners are proposed to be set up for the Bhopal Gas Victims. 16 Courts have started functioning and 514 cases have been decided by them so far. Requisite number of judicial officers are yet to be released by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh. The Welfare Commissioner has been provided with necessary powers to recruit retired persons, in case the High Court is not able to provide the requisite number of judicial officers.

Compensation disbursed to Bhopal Gas Victims

506. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the process of disbursement of compensation to the Bhopal gas victims have commenced;

(b) if so, what is the amount of compensation disbursed so far; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for delay in the disbursement of compensation and by when process is likely to be commenced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) A total of 514 cases have been decided by the Welfare Commissioner. According to the procedure devised by the Welfare Commissioner, a period of 60 days is to elapse before disbursement is made. The amount of compensation awarded is Rs. 2.18 crores.

Crisis in IDPL

507. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that IDPL has suffered accumulated losses of over Rs. 500 crores and that the production has been curtailed to only 20 per cent of the installed capacity;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of IDPL employees have been relieved under voluntary retirement scheme;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what are the reasons for the crisis in the IDPL; and

(e) the number in which Government propose to improve the situation ?